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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT FLY-BY FOR KENYA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

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1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM KENYA DEFENSE

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MINISTRY FOR PROPOSED FLY-BY ON KENYA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY.

2. DEFENSE MINISTRY HAS DECIDED STATIC DISPLAY OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC IN NAIROBI AREA NOT FEASIBLE. HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT TWO OF HARRIER AIRCRAFT MIGHT, AFTER FLY-BY, LAND AT KAF EASTLEIGH AIR BASE, ON OUTSKIRTS OF NAIROBI A FEW MILES FROM EMBAKASI, SO THAT OFFICERS OF KAF COULD SEE AIRCRAFT. OTHER AIRCRAFT WOULD RETURN TO USS GUAM AFTER REFUELING AT EMBAKASI AIRPORT. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS SCENARIO APPEARS FEASIBLE.

3. DEFENSE MINISTRY HAS AUTHORIZED TAKE-OFF AND LANDING OF USS GUAM'S AIRCRAFT EITHER IN PORT OF MOMBASA OR WHILE GUAM IS AT SEA. MINISTRY SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR USS GUAM TO BE AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO MOMBASA SO THAT AIRCRAFT CAN BE EASILY SEEN BY MOMBASA PUBLIC.

4. MINISTRY HAS GRANTED BLANKET FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR OPERATION OF CH-53 HELICOPTERS BETWEEN USS GUAM AND EMBAKASI AIRPORT. KENYA AIR FORCE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH ADVANCE PARTY TO ASSURE THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WILL GO SMOOTHLY.

5. COMMANDER OF KENYA AIR FORCE HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT EMBAKASI AIRPORT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE EITHER JP 5 OR JP 4 FUEL. ONLY JA-1 IS AVAILABLE. SINCE REF B SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT ONLY JP 5 OR 4 ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER JA-1 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE. IF NOT, COULD AIRCRAFT BE EQUIPPED WITH ADDITIONAL FUEL TANKS?

6. IF AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE REFUELED AT EMBAKASI AIRPORT, COMMANDER OF AIR FORCE RECOMMENDS THAT THEY DO SO AFTER FLY-BY. HE SAID THAT MAXIMUM DELAY ON KAF FLY-BYS ON PREVIOUS CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS HAS BEEN 25 MINUTES, BUT NORMALLY HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY LESS.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FLY-BY AND SHIP VISIT WILL BE COORDINATED WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PER REF C UPON DEFENSE PERMSEC KIEREINI'S RETURN TO NAIROBI AT END OF THIS WEEK OR BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK.  
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